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City of Barrie

Final

Seniors and Accessibility Advisory Committee

Monday, April 24, 2023 | **10:30 AM** | **Sir Robert Barrie Room**

SENIORS AND ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT
For consideration by the Community Safety Committee on May 3, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Councillor, N. Nigussie at 10:38 a.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 5 - Councillor N. Nigussie
R. Garvin
Chairman G. Kavanagh
C. Kenwell
E. Saba

Absent: 2 - R. Meier
L. Pope

STAFF:
Abilities and Accessibility Management Specialist, C. Dillon
Deputy City Clerk, T. McArthur
Director of Transit and Parking Strategy, B. Forsyth
Manager of Transit and Parking Business Services, H. Miller.

ORIENTATION FOR THE COMMITTEE

T. McArthur Deputy City Clerk provided an orientation presentation to the 2022 - 2026 Seniors and Accessibility Advisory Committee members.

Ms. McArthur discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The Council and Committee Member Code of Conduct;
- The Municipal Conflict of Interest Act;
- The City of Barrie Procedural By-law;
- An overview of meeting procedures:
    - The basics of Parliamentary Law; and

    - The role of the Chair, Committee members, and the Committee Support Clerk;
- The decision making process;
- The reporting structure for the Seniors and Accessibility Advisory Committee;
- The Committee's terms of reference; and
- The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities (AODA) Training Booklet.

Members of Committee asked a number of questions to the presenter and received responses.

PRESENTATION CONCERNING FREE TRANSIT FOR SENIORS SECOND DAY PER WEEK

Brent Forsyth, Director of Transit and Parking Strategy, and Heather Miller, Manager of Transit and Parking Business Services provided a presentation concerning an additional day of free transit for seniors per week.

Mr. Forsyth and Ms. Miller discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- An overview of the background associated with an additional day of free transit for seniors per week;
- The Current Free Day of Transit for seniors;
- A pie chart illustrating the conventional senior ridership in 2021-2022;
- A summary of the City's monthly Recreation and Community Centre Programs for seniors;
- The days of the week that various retailers and businesses offer senior discounts; and
- City staff seeking consensus on the preferred second day for free transit for seniors.

Mr. Forsyth and Ms. Miller opened the discussion by seeking input from Committee members seeking concerning the additional day of free transit for seniors per week.

Members of Committee asked questions of Mr. Forsythe and Ms. Miller and received responses.

The Committee provided their input on the preferred second day of free transit during the week.

The Committee agreed that Tuesdays would be the preferred second day of free transit for seniors.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The Committee met and discussed the meeting schedule for the 2022 - 2026 term and determined that the Committee would meet on the fourth Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m. with the exception of July and August unless otherwise needed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

CHAIRMAN